

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 were in the application and were rejected under Section 112 and Section 102. As Applicant believes that certain informalities in the claims resulted in these rejections, Applicant has deleted claims 1-5 and has added new claims 6-15 to more fully claim Applicant's invention. To the extent required, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections under Sections 112 and 102.

The present invention is directed to systems and methods for a virtual or simulated radio device, in which a processor, in response to user input, simulates the playing of music of a particular simulated radio station, where the music played with a particular simulated radio station is of a particular style that corresponds to the particular simulated radio station. Applicant submits that the originally submitted disclosure, and the documents referenced and incorporated therein, provide sufficient disclosure for the invention claimed and fully comports with the requirements of Section 112. Applicant also has reviewed the cited references and also respectfully submits that these references are readily distinguishable from Applicant's invention. Applicant has not located any teaching or suggestion for what Applicant is claiming; namely, a method for simulating a radio device, wherein the radio device simulates the playing of music on a plurality of simulated radio stations, wherein at least certain of the plurality of simulated radio stations each correspond to one of a plurality of predetermined musical styles and play music in accordance with the one of a plurality of predetermined musical styles, with the particular steps recited by Applicant.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims as presented, as well as the specification, comport with the requirements of Section 112 and patentably distinguish over the cited references.

Applicant has endeavored herein to address such matters and to otherwise put this application in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration and allowance is requested.

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